ARMY WARRANT OFFICER



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THE ROLE OF THE ARMY WARRANT OFFICER

The warrant officer by definition, is: "An officer appointed by warrant by the Secretary of the Army, based on a sound level of technical and tactical competence. The warrant officer is the highly specialized expert and trainer who, by gaining progressive levels of expertise and leadership, operates, maintains, administers and manages the Army's equipment, support activities or technical systems for an entire career."

From this definition, it is clear that becoming a warrant officer requires great skill in a specific occupational specialty, but it doesn't stop there. As an Army warrant officer, you must demonstrate leadership abilities, and have the desire and dedication to perfect your technical proficiency through professional development, training and education.

This pamphlet is designed to show you the unique and vital role a warrant officer plays in the Army. We list 15 proponents that may help you decide if you have the skills, technical proficiency, desire and dedication to qualify for the challenging and rewarding career fields open to an Army warrant officer.



If you're thinking about becoming a warrant officer, you probably have above average skill, demonstrated ability and experience in a particular Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). As a warrant officer – whether aviation maintenance technician, marine deck officer or supply system technician – your highly specialized skill is your most vital contribution. What else is expected of an Army warrant officer?

In addition to MOS qualifications, warrant officers are called upon to execute many leadership and managerial functions. You're also expected to keep abreast of changes in the equipment, organization and procedures in your specialty.

Certainly, a career as a warrant officer offers you rewarding opportunities for leadership and growth. On the other hand, your new position brings with it responsibilities that demand great dedication and high moral character.



One of the main benefits you receive as a warrant officer is more training in your field, and that's where the Army's professional development system comes into play. Through schooling, experience, assignments, promotion and counseling, you are trained to perform effectively in the highest, most demanding positions of your career specialty. Progressive assignments, requiring ever increasing skill, give you the opportunity to perform in positions that cover the full range of duties required in your career field. Meanwhile, professional development and counseling help you realize your career goals and potential. The Warrant Officer Corps operates under a select, train, and utilize system of professional development. Upon successful completion of the Warrant Officer Candidate School, all candidates are conditionally appointed to the grade WO1 and sent to the Warrant Officer Basic Course for their specific MOS. Upon selection to the grade of CW3, attendance at the appropriate Warrant Officer Advanced Course will be scheduled. CW4s and CW5s will attend the Warrant Officer Staff Course and Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course respectively. There are further opportunities for advance schooling within the Warrant Officer Corps, for example the Army Management Staff College, Degree Completion Program, Airborne and Air Assault Schools.





To be an Army warrant officer, you must meet criteria in areas of age, education, demonstrated performance, character, leadership, mental health and security. The following outlines a few of these requirements.

To apply for the Aviation Warrant Officer Program, you must be at least 18 years of age and not have reached your 33rd birthday at the time of selection. You must have a General Technical (GT) score of 110 or higher on the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery and a score of 90 or higher on the Alternate Flight Aptitude Screening Test. You must have an approved Class I Flight Physical.

Applicants applying for other warrant officer fields must have an appointment physical qualifying them, a GT score of 110 or higher, and be between the ages 18 and 46. They must also meet other requirements established by each proponent.

Every warrant officer MOS has specific mandatory requirements outlined by the proponent. There are certain medical, security and licensing requirements, specific to each career field. You will want to discuss these requirements at the time of your application.

Warrant officers are appointed to fill the needs of the Army as determined annually by the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1. Applications are taken on a continual basis. Applications are reviewed by a HQDA selection board convened at Fort Knox, Ky. Individuals are evaluated using the total person concept, with the goal of selecting the best qualified Soldiers to serve as the future warrant officers in the Army.

CHOOSING YOUR CAREER FIELD

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15 Proponent Offices

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Air Defense Artillery
Aviation
Engineers
Field Artillery
Judge Advocate General
Military Intelligence
Military Police (CID)
Medical Corps
Ordnance
Quartermaster
Signal
Special Forces
Transportation
Veterinary

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Contact your local Military Personnel Division or Personnel Services Battalion. Army Education Centers or a local Army Recruiter may also be of assistance to you. Complete active duty applications can be e-mailed to newwarrantpackets@usarec.army.mil. Refer to the Web site at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant for more detailed instructions on how to apply.



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